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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Cranston Oliver Byrd of Waukegan, who passed away on May 2, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Cranston Byrd was born to Jeanette and Arthur Byrd in Waukegan on November 30, 1946; he graduated from Waukegan High School in 1964; he worked a number of odd jobs before making the decision to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, majoring in drafting and architecture; he married Barbara A. Vernon on August 24, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, in 1968, Cranston Byrd went to work for Lake County as a draftsman, later earning the promotion to zoning administrator; in 1980, he took on a new challenge as the director of planning for the City of North Chicago; he returned to Lake County in 1982, where he became Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development; and

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WHEREAS, Cranston Byrd had a deep faith; he loved life and his friends and family; his wisdom and sense of humor will be missed; and

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WHEREAS, Cranston Byrd was preceded in death by his parents; his uncle, Raymond Randell; and his aunts, Helen

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1 Larrea and Mary Alice Barker; and

2 WHEREAS, Cranston Byrd is survived by his sons, Brandt,  
3 Christopher, and Eric; his former spouse, Barbara; his uncle,  
4 Ron Suggs; his two grandchildren; his cousins; and his best  
5 friend, Robert Brown; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Cranston Oliver Byrd and extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Cranston Byrd as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.